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This national defense artery is 200 kilometers long, and has been named the Chia-chien highway. From Chia-ch'uan northward it follows the Pei-ta Ho, crosses the I-tu Shan, passes Ch'ien-t'ia, and arrives at Chin-t'a. Hence it follows the Edsin Gol northward to Ssu-men-tzu in Chin-t'a, enters the Edsingol Banner in Ningxia, follows the Edsin Gol northward, passes Ch'an-han, T'ao-ho Lang-hsin Shan, Hsi-miao and reaches its terminus, Chien-kuo-ying.

Topographically, the road may be divided into the following sections:

- (1) the stretch from Chia-ch'uan to Erh-tsei in Chin-t'a, a distance of 36 kilometers is a farming region, producing chiefly millet; twelve kilometers of the foothills of Chia Shan are barren. The remaining land once contained lakes, but is now alkaline and unfertile. In the past, it has been irrigated from the Pei-ta Ho, but insufficiently. With the completion of the Su-feng Canal and the Yuan-yang Reservoir last year this problem has been solved.
- (2) From Erh-tsei north for 200 kilometers there is barren desert.

The entire highway is now finished. Regular traffic has begun on the section from Chia-ch'uan to Chin-t'a, and vehicles will soon try the remainder of the line. The building of this road has little economic value, but it is very important to national defense. It unites the Edsingol Banner and Ho-hsi, so that the Banner is no longer isolated.

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